

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 9th March 2014

IRTS 82nd AGM Dinner & Rally March 22nd, 23rd 2014

It's just two weeks to the 2014 AGM Dinner and Rally. Get your dinner tickets by contacting Steve, EI5DD on 087-2451218, QTHR and you may also contact John EI1EM on 086-8154979. Tickets are just 35Euro. There is a cut of date of Wednesday March 19th for dinner tickets as the hotel needs final numbers.

Galway VHF Group promises this years trade show will be well supported with a wide variety of equipment from regular and many new traders not seen before at Rallies. If anyone wishes to take a table it will be necessary to pre-book your table to avoid disappointment. All exhibitors will be charged the entrance fee for the trade show which is 5 euro per person manning their stand. Individual traders will be charged the same rate. The Bring and Buy stand will be manned by Jimmy Kelly, Padraig Baynes from the Mayo Club and Arthur from the Galway VHF Group.

There will be a raffle at the Rally with a Begali Key as first prize, which has a special engraving to mark the occasion.

Accommodation is available from The Galway Bay Hotel, (Tel:091-520520) at a discounted rate when you mention the IRTS AGM. The Rockbarton Park Hotel (Tel: 091-522286) also offers discounted rates, 49Euro for a single room and 35Euro per person sharing. For complete details please refer to www.irts.ie/cgi/agm.cgi

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society EI7DAR

The AGM of the Dundalk Amateur Radio Society will be held this year on 2nd April 2014 at the club house, 'Larkin House' on Castletown Road, Dundalk. All members are encouraged to attend. News members always welcome. Check out our website, ei7dar.com.

Licence Exam Course Guide

IRTS has made a CD-based Course Guide available to candidates preparing for the Amateur Station Licence Examination. The format of the material on this CD means that it requires a PC with a CD drive and the Microsoft Windows operating system. Recognising that tablets and other devices with different operating systems are

increasingly being used for browsing, we have now converted the CD material to a format accessible by any modern browser, and made it available on the IRTS web site. The Course Guide is at www.irts.ie/course and a zip file of the complete course is available for download at www.irts.ie/downloads

Four Meter Addition To Mt. Leinster Repeater

A four meter port has been added to the 70 centimeter repeater EI7MLR. The repeater which is on RU76 (430.950MHz +7.6MHz) is licensed to the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and located at Mt. Leinster Co. Carlow. This port allows access to the repeater from the four meter band. The frequency is 70.400 MHz and a tone of 67Hz is required to access it. The output power is 10 watts into a folded dipole antenna. Reports to [sirnrepeaters/at/gmail/ dot/com](mailto:sirnrepeaters/at/gmail/dot/com).

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The March meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford on Monday 31st of March at 8.00 p.m. and as always new members are always welcome.

More information on SEARG is available on www.searg.com, on Facebook and on Twitter.

South Dublin Radio Club

This years South Dublin Radio Club AGM will take place on Tuesday 25th March at 8pm. All members are asked to attend.

St. Patricks Day on Air

Bobby MI0RYL, writes to inform us that a group of Northern Ireland Amateurs will be on air on March 17th. The day runs from over the full 24 hour period of the 17th March (0000 UTC - 0000 UTC). If you wish to participate as an award station or for more information on how you can gain the award please look at stpatrickaward.webs.com

DX News

A large group of German and Polish operators will be QRV from Sri Lanka from 10 – 23 March. At the time of writing details of the 4S7 callsign are not available. They will be QRV on all bands 160 – 10m. QSL Manager is DL7DF.

Two stations will be active from Chatham Island in the coming weeks. Firstly there will be ZL7/OE2SNL who will operate mainly RTTY and some CW. He will be there from 13 – 20 March. The second group of ZS1FJ, VE7NY and ZL1GMB will be joined by OE2SNL and will use the callsign ZL7AAA from 20 March – 1 April. This group will be QRV on HF on SSB, CW and RTTY.

The island of Aruba will be on the air with P40JH operated by JR3QFB , and P40R operated by JS6RRR from 13 – 18 March. QSLs go to the home call.

Gert ZS6AYU will sign C91GR from Mozambique from 16 – 19 March. He is well known for activities in southern Africa and has been on the air from Swaziland, Namibia, Botswana, Lesotho, Zimbabwe and Zambia in recent years. QSL to his home call.

Yuri Gagarin International DX Contest

Special event calls from Russia, Kazakhstan, and Moldova, all with either an 80 in their prefix or KEDR (Gagarin's call during his space mission) in their suffix will be commemorating the birth of Yuri Gagarin 80 years ago. The Yuri Gagarin International DX Contest will be held on April 12/13 2014.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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